CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:
   refusing, by a drive, to provide information from a first surface of an optical
   medium when required information on a second surface of the optical medium
   cannot be read.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   reading, from the first surface, information that indicates that information on the
   second surface is required.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   refusing, by the drive, to provide information from a data surface of the optical
   medium when required information on an external surface of the optical medium
   cannot be read.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
   refusing, by the drive, to provide information from a first data surface of the
   optical medium when required information on a second data surface of the optical
   medium cannot be read.

5. An optical medium, comprising:
   a first surface, the first surface having an indication that information on a second
   surface is required; and
   information on the second surface corresponding to the indication on the first
   surface.

6. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
   the first surface being an internal data surface; and
   the second surface being an external surface.

7. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:

the first surface being an external surface; and

the second surface being an internal data surface.

8. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:

each of the first surface and the second surface being an internal data surface.

9. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:

the information on the second surface comprising a bar code.

10. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:

the information on at least one of the first and second surfaces comprising data in a control block.

11. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:

the information on at least one of the first and second surfaces comprising data encoded in groove wobble.

12. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:

the information on at least one of the first and second surfaces comprising data embedded within other data.

13. The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:

the information on the second surface comprising variable information.

14. The optical medium of claim 13, further comprising:

the information on the second surface comprising a unique identifier of the optical medium.

15. A drive for optical media, comprising:

a controller, the controller transferring, externally to the drive, information from a first surface on an optical medium, only when required information can be read on a second surface on the optical medium.

16. A drive for optical media, comprising:

    means for detecting that information on a first surface of an optical medium is required; and

    means for refusing to transfer information, externally to the drive, from a second surface of the optical medium, unless the required information on the first surface can be read by the drive.